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By Malia Medders

If you have seen the construction in front of Shelton State, you have probably asked yourself the question; “I wonder what they’re going to build out there?” No matter what they’re constructing it sure seems like it will be a big undertaking.

There are many rumors floating around about what is going to be built, from shopping malls to a movie theater to a home improvement center. Finally the truth is out. The property just off of Hwy.

69 South in front of Shelton State is being developed by Bobby Park, an owner of a local trucking company and Fred Darty, a Tuscaloosa businessman. The land is being developed as a Winn Dixie Marketplace and will be named Englewood Village after the local elementary school.

The new Englewood Village and Winn Dixie Marketplace will contain:

- a cosmetics company
- a dry cleaners
- restaurants
- gift shop

- a major bank
- a security company
- a hair salon

The property is on about 10 acres and is owned by the developers Fred Darty and Bobby Park. Winn Dixie will be the anchor store for the Englewood Village. The grocery store will be approximately 47,000 square feet. The shopping center will also contain 14 retail stores totaling about 21,600 square feet. Construction will start sometime in

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Spring Break 2000: Taking it up a notch: to Cancun
Last of a Two-Part Series—and for another point of view, check out the editorial on pg. 2

By Amy Bice

If you and your friends are planning to spend plenty of money on spring break, then Cancun, Mexico is your destination. Cancun is the No. 1 destination for spring breakers and it is

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Spring musical “going great”

By Jessica Smith

With Spring Break approaching, the cast of *Damn Yankees* has to make every second of rehearsal count. “The cast is off for Spring Break, but I have faith that the actors will be diligent and come back even better than before,” said Michael Carr, director of *Damn Yankees*.

According to cast members, one of the show’s highlights proves to be the great musical numbers. Some of the hit songs from the show include “Heart,” “Shoeless Joe From Hannibal, MO,” and of course everyone’s favorite, “Whatever Lola Wants (Lola Gets).”

“It’s going great! I’m particularly impressed with the baseball players. They have such high energy and seem to really enjoy the camaraderie, just like a real ball team might. Musically, there is a good balance between pretty ballads and clever humorous numbers, with just a touch of the risque,” said Glinda Blackshear, musical director of *Damn Yankees*. Syble Coats, piano teacher at Shelton, is the rehearsal and principal accompanist for the show.

Jessica Stomps, playing the role of Lola, seems to have no problem playing the seductive devil’s advocate. Her sexy

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Damn Yankees director Michael Carr says he is very pleased with the spirit of the actors playing the ball players

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A Spring Break alternative

Spiritual fulfillment through big tree hunting

By James A. Crawford II
Former Editor of the *Courier* and current journalism student at the University of Alabama remembers his greatest "break"

In July 1998, my cousin, Bobby Boler, and I decided to take a break from the modern world of work and worry. In search of adventure and mystery, we set out to find a vacation spot that would satisfy our needs without breaking our wallets.

Bobby and I agreed that we wanted something inexpensive, yet nice and rustic. The Alabama vacation guide mentioned Bankhead National Park, the largest national forest in Alabama and home of the Sipsey River, the state's only nationally designated Wild and Scenic River. The park, known as the "land of a thousand waterfalls," is ideal for hiking, hunting, fishing, swimming, canoeing and more.

Within the forest are streams, limestone bluffs, wildlife, wildflowers and the state's largest tree, a 500-year-old, 150-foot-tall Poplar.

Bobby and I became fascinated by the tree and decided we had to see it. The journey began some two-and-a-half hours south, in Tuscaloosa, Ala., where we both live. The drive along U.S. Highway 43 was easy and afforded some nice scenery along the way.

We prepared for our journey to the picturesque forest by contacting the ranger station just outside of Bankhead for an information packet that highlighted the trails and surrounding community, giving us an idea of what to expect. The ranger station also provided detailed directions to the campsites. Bankhead seemed to offer all we were looking for in a short wilderness adventure and it was only a

few hours away from home.

When we arrived in Decatur, Ala., we stopped at a grocery store to gather supplies before making our way to the entry point of the trails, located deep in the forest down several long, winding roads.

We chose an entry point at the overnight-use side of the park. The rangers had recommended the route because of its scenic views and challenging trails.

Once we parked and paid the \$1-per-day parking fee, we set out with our gear to find a campsite. We had arrived later than we expected. Daylight was fading fast, so we had to move.

The trail snaked along the Sipsey River. About 30 minutes into the first part of our hike, we came across an unexpected hazard: We had to cross a small section of the Sipsey to continue along the trail.

The water was almost knee-deep and seemed easily 32 degrees. We were unprepared, so we did the only thing we could think of. We took our shoes off and waded across the 25-foot expanse of icy water. Stepping into the creek felt like sticking needles in our skin, but we pressed on.

Once we made it to the other shore and dried off our feet, we resumed our search for a suitable camping spot. Not just any spot would do. We were holding out for the perfect spot, and after 45 minutes we found it.

An obviously well-used campsite, complete with a rock fire pit, was situated under a huge rock cliff overhanging the site like a roof. The fireplace was perfect and large enough for several people, and it had large rocks all around it to lay utensils on and sit on as well. The creek was only a minute away, and the place left us wondering why we ever altered the American Indian's way of life. Everything was peaceful.

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"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



Two bright stars announce the arrival of spring

The official beginning of spring is the Vernal Equinox, which falls on March 20, but spring also brings with it two bright stars on the eastern horizon—Arcturus and Spica! Arcturus is the brightest star in the constellation Bootes, and Spica is the brightest in Virgo.

To locate these two bright stars simply find the Big Dipper—Ursa Major—in the northern sky. Follow the curve in the Big Dipper's handle away

from the bowl, and one will come to Arcturus. Then continue through Arcturus on this curved path, and it will lead you to Spica. A good way to remember this is to say: "follow the arc of the Big Dipper's handle to Arcturus and then drive a spike in Spica!"

Once you have found these two stars, then you have located two additional constellations. Bootes in ancient times was a herdsman, but it looks a lot like

a traditional kite with Arcturus at the bottom of the kite where the tail of the kite would be attached.

Spica is the brightest star in Virgo, one of the 12 constellations on the ecliptic and thought of by the ancients as a young female. Keep looking up, enjoy our beautiful spring skies and have fun learning to locate Arcturus and Spica!

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March. The Englewood Village will take approximately six months to complete, with an additional three months before an opening is planned. Fred Darty said, "We are building something that we hope Tuscaloosa will be proud of." The two developers are planning more developments in the Taylorville area.

Also coming soon to the Taylorville area is a new development next to Valley View Baptist Church. Stan Pate, owner of Stan Pate Companies, is the owner of the lot, which includes 17 acres. The lot is planned to be a mixed-use commercial development, possibly consisting of a drug store, a bank and several fast-food restaurants. A Taco Casa will be on the property, but as of now there are no other definite plans for the property.

To many students' delight a Taco Casa will be coming soon. Construction will begin some time this April. Renee Giles, a student at Shelton State, said, "I think Taco Casa will get a lot of business from students; it's in a really good location." An opening is planned around July 1.

Rod Wilkin, co-owner of Taco Casa, said, "We hope Shelton will be a big part of Taco Casa." Taco Casa officials also said they will be in the market for hiring students.

Many questions have arisen about the new developments around Shelton State. One question is: "Will

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the new development in front of Shelton State take away from the attractiveness of the campus off of Hwy 69?" and "Will it cause major traffic problems for students?"

The reality is that these new developments are on commercial property, and Shelton State does not own the lots. Lucy Kubiszyn, the public relations director for Shelton State, said, "We need to focus on the positive. It gives an opportunity to Shelton students and to the community."

Shelton State student Jamie Parker said, "I think the Winn Dixie will cause traffic problems in the evening for students, but having a grocery store so close will be convenient." It seems for this development venture, the positives outweigh the negatives.

Since the construction of the new Hillcrest High School in 1991 and the opening of the new Shelton State Community College in 1997, the south side of Tuscaloosa County has become a booming real estate area, residentially and commercially. The south end of town, known as Taylorville, has numerous gas stations, three shopping centers, a small collection of restaurants and a Food World. Taylorville's once rural country is becoming much more city-like. As most welcome these new industries with open arms, they realize the college's surrounding community seems destined to continue growing.

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also Mexico's most popular destination.

Cancun has 14 miles of white-sand beaches and is surrounded by clear Caribbean turquoise waters. There is plenty to do during the day in Cancun. Scuba diving and snorkeling are some of the most popular activities. Cancun is a great place to do these things because of its many reefs, which offer a world of tropical fish. For the bolder tourist, downtown offers bullfights on Wednesday afternoons. The downtown area also has excellent shopping districts.

The shopping in Cancun varies widely. Shops range from luxury shops to bargaining stores owned by the locals. There are many boutiques unique to Cancun that offer many items not found elsewhere. The store hours are quite different from what you might be used to. Stores are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., closed from 1 to 5 p.m. for the *siesta*, and reopen from 5 to 9 p.m.

The party capital of Cancun boasts nightlife like no other. It is known for having an "anything goes" attitude. Nights are just getting started at 11 p.m. and most of the bars and clubs stay open till dawn. Mexico's legal drinking age is 18, which is good news for many spring breakers.

One of the most popular bars in Cancun is Senor Frog's. This restaurant and bar is the most visited and recommended place in Cancun, according to consultants. Senor Frog's offers plenty of dancing, music, and fun. It also offers a huge water slide that patrons often take advantage of. Some other bars include Carlos 'N' Charlie's, Fat Tuesdays, and Pat O'Brian's. When dining in Cancun, be aware that there is a 10 percent sales tax that is additional to a posted price.

"The beaches were beautiful and Senor

Frog's was an experience to remember. It was a spring break that I will never forget," recalls Starla Thompson, a student at Shelton.

To take advantage of this tropical paradise, you must be sure to exchange your dollars to pesos. The exchange rate varies daily. However, it would be in your best interest not to exchange all of your dollars to pesos. This is because pesos cannot be exchanged back to U.S. dollars. Also, you should keep some money in small denominations because you could get a better deal with U.S. currency. Most major credit cards are accepted. However, DiscoverCard is not accepted anywhere in the area. Also, the bank offers a better exchange rate than hotels. Banks are open only for a few hours daily, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., so you will have to get out of bed early to go.

Cancun has over 25,000 hotel rooms, so everyone is sure to find what they are looking for. The "hotel zone" offers the most luxurious accommodations on the beach. Four students could stay at one of these hotels for 7 days, starting at \$699 per person. However, if you want a more economical approach, there are hotels downtown that offer a lower rate. You and three friends could stay at one of these hotels for \$399 per person.

Some words of caution before jetting off to Cancun, a valid passport and/or an original birth certificate with a driver's license is necessary to enter the country.

And for those who happen to be visiting the local jail while in Cancun, the local District Attorney's office can hold you for 12 hours until a fine is determined or fine you and hold you for up to 48 hours. For disturbing the peace, Public Security can fine and hold you for up to 36 hours.

If you decide you want to take back some souvenirs, there are some guidelines. You can take back purchases up to \$300 and one liter of alcohol beverage duty fee.

Now that you know about the many things you can enjoy in Cancun, the weather is sure to cooperate. It is usually about 85 degrees and sunny during spring break. Warm and sunny weather provides the perfect backdrop to the Spring Equinox. The spring equinox is the day of the year that there is equal sunlight and darkness, which is March 21. Every year hundreds of tourists take a short drive from Cancun to Chichen Itza. There, on March 21, as the afternoon sun falls on the Mayan El Castillo pyramid, a shadow appears. As the sun falls, Kukulcan appears to sliver down the pyramid towards the sacred well. The locals all celebrate this day because Kukulcan is the god of fertility. They know the next year will be a productive one.

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The Entertainment Page

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costumes and cat crawls will have audience members doing a double take. "It has been really fun so far. The cast is great and I know the show will be a success," said Stomps.

Rehearsals are to be taken seriously by cast members. Actors have to concentrate and focus in order to fully develop into their characters, except when it comes to the kissing scenes. The goodnight kiss at the end of a date usually brings butterflies to your stomach. Imagine having to kiss someone for the first time in front of a room full of people, and being critiqued on it. Lola and Joe, played by Josh McIlwain, brought some laughter to a recent rehearsal when it was time for their big kiss. Their eyes met and their lips touched, but neither could seem to remember what was supposed to happen next. After a moment of laughter from the actors and the au-

dience in the room, they both gained back their composure and ended the scene.

Damn Yankees has its share

Imagine having to kiss someone for the first time in front of a room full of people, and being critiqued on it.

of veteran actors as well as those who are less experienced. Laurie Carr, wife of director Michael Carr, has graced the stage of the Bean-Brown Theatre numerous times. Her comedic role as Louise in *Always Patsy Cline* and her belly-dance performance in *Man of La Mancha* left audiences roaring

with laughter. Her role as Sister, in *Damn Yankees*, will once again bring smiles to the faces of everyone who attends the play. This isn't the first time the Carrs have worked together on a show. Laurie has acted and stage-managed for some of her husband's other productions and they have also appeared in shows together.

"I don't get any special treatment because I'm his wife, and I don't goof off as much in front of his students," says Carr. She explains that the first time she saw the show she identified with the Sister the most because she is so funny. "I love the small and supporting roles because you can have more fun with them," said Carr.

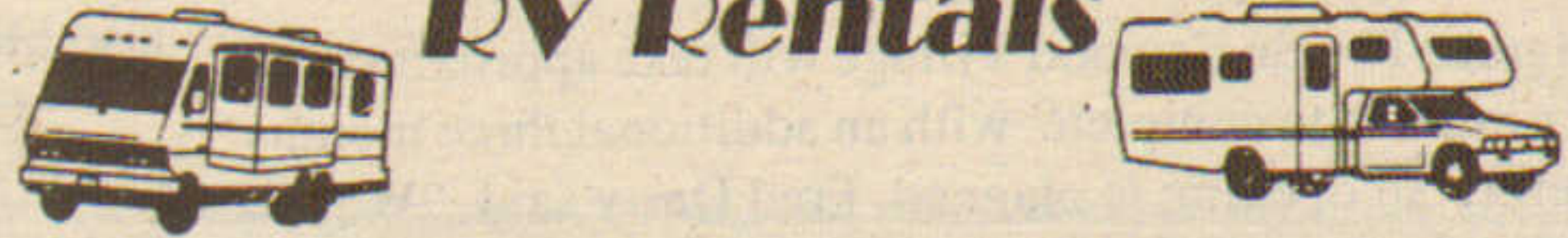
With not a whole lot of time to put the finishing touches on the show after Spring Break, the cast will work extra hard for all of the lost time from such a long, but needed, vacation.

Damn Yankees will open on April 12 and run through April 16 at the Bean-Brown Theatre. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets may be purchased over the phone by

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With waterfalls all around us, Bobby thought our campsite was breathtaking, and I agreed. At one time, there must have been waterfalls coming right over where our tent was located.

We set up camp and made a fire with wood from fallen trees and those damaged by nature. We had agreed to follow the camping honor code and respect our surroundings while living as close to nature as possible, barring the occasional use of cooking pots and hand soap.

We sat under the big rock that first night, the sound of rushing water crashing against the rocks all around us. We eagerly planned our next day's hike to the tree. We laid out a map, decided on food and water supplies for our hike and estimated the hiking time. Little did we know, we would be grossly under-prepared.

We started out early and excited. The route to the tree offered a spectacular view. Trees and foliage of various colors and shapes covered the landscape. Cliffs seemingly carved out of the hillside stretched to the sky. But the trip progressed more slowly than we expected.

After three hours, we had no sign of our Holy Grail, the big Poplar. Another hour on the trail would

force us to return to camp in the dark with no lanterns or supplies. We decided the risk was worth it and pressed on. Fifteen minutes later, we reached the main trailhead. An extremely large pine tree with a marker nailed to its side pointed the way to the last leg of our journey. We had almost missed the sign, which marked our last turn. It was only noticeable after we stopped and turned around to look back.

Along the way, we encountered several groups of hikers who told us of seeing the tree for the first time. Their stories reaffirmed our determination and there was no turning back.

The last section of the trail led us up a steep cliff and grew narrow and difficult to manage. It snaked along the edge of a steep cliff toward Box Canyon, home of our prized natural wonder. Our anticipation grew. But time was growing short. Still we trudged on, following the trail under huge boulders laid out in an almost playground-like fashion.

By now, we could make out the apparent top of the tree—its limbs unbelievably big and round. As we made our way around the last turn, the canyon opened up to

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Shelton hosting Alabama Stage and Screen Gala

By Russell Frost

Fact: Shelton State is the home of the Alabama Stage and Screen Hall of Fame.

Fact Two: The induction ceremony for 2000's honorees takes place March 18 in the Bean-Brown Theatre on the Shelton State Campus.

The best part is that this year's induction looks to be even bigger than last year. On March 18, the Hall of Fame will induct four new members into its ranks that already include actress Tallulah Bankhead, actress and author Fannie Flagg, and philanthropists Mr. and Mrs. Winton M. Blount.

The Stage and Screen Hall of Fame was founded in 1998 to honor Alabamians who, by birth or adoption, have had a major impact on the performing arts through their work on television, in film or on stage.

Paul Looney, who serves as producer of the ceremony, said, "The committee worked hard to identify four individuals who represented the best of Alabama talent. Their selection reflects Alabama's pride in her native sons and daughters."

This year's inductees are: director John Badham, best known for classics such as *Saturday Night Fever* (1977), *Wargames* (1984), *Stake-out* (1987) and *Bird on a Wire* (1989); actress Nell Carter, most distinguished for her TV career as the strong-willed but softhearted Nell on the sitcom *Gimme a Break* (1981-87); actress Polly Holliday, fondly recognized as the wisecracking waitress Flo in the TV sitcom *Alice* (1976-80); and actress Lois Wilson, considered to be the first "Miss Alabama," star of early silent films alongside another great, Boris Karloff. She had a film and stage career that spanned more than 50 years.

Chris Calloway, daughter of the late jazz legend Cab Calloway, will be the Mistress of Ceremonies. Her career began on the Ed Sullivan show some 30 years ago and includes both Broadway and television appearances.

The gala evening will begin with a cocktail party followed by the induction honors featuring a talented group of performers paying tribute to each honoree in a fully staged ceremony. Immediately following is a dinner dance chaired by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hinton and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Snyder working with a large group of volunteers.

Special guests to the event include actress Claire Bloom and actor George Lindsey, best remembered as Goober Pyle in the television series *The Andy Griffith Show*.

Tickets for the black-tie event may be purchased by calling (205) 391-2277 or 391-2352.

2000 ALABAMA STAGE AND SCREEN HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Nell Carter



Lois Wilson



Polly Holliday



John Badham

College art gallery offers angelic exhibit

Kim Kirkland-Lien is presenting a collection of black and white photographs representing her travels around the South as part of a photographic exhibit which opened March 1 in the National Bank of Commerce Art Gallery at Shelton State.

The exhibit, which will con-

tinue through April 7, is entitled "A Gathering of Angels" and is done in cibachrome and black and white. Kirkland-Lien is currently working on a book with the same title as the exhibit.

For more information on the exhibit, call 391-2366.

Holland named to new position

Long-time Shelton employee Judy Holland has recently been named Tech Prep Coordinator for the college.

In this new position, Holland will be responsible for coordinating the college's tech prep program and will serve as the technical liaison to the area high schools. In 1996 Holland was named "Support Staff Person of the Year" for Alabama's two year colleges. She is a native of Moundville.

McGuff and Cockrell named to All-USA team

Two Shelton students, Kimberly Cockrell and Jennifer McGuff, will represent the college in the 1999-2000 ALL-USA ACADEMIC TEAM competition.

Selections for the All-Alabama Academic Team will be announced April 6 in Birmingham. Each two-year college in the state nominates two students.

College initiates new registration system

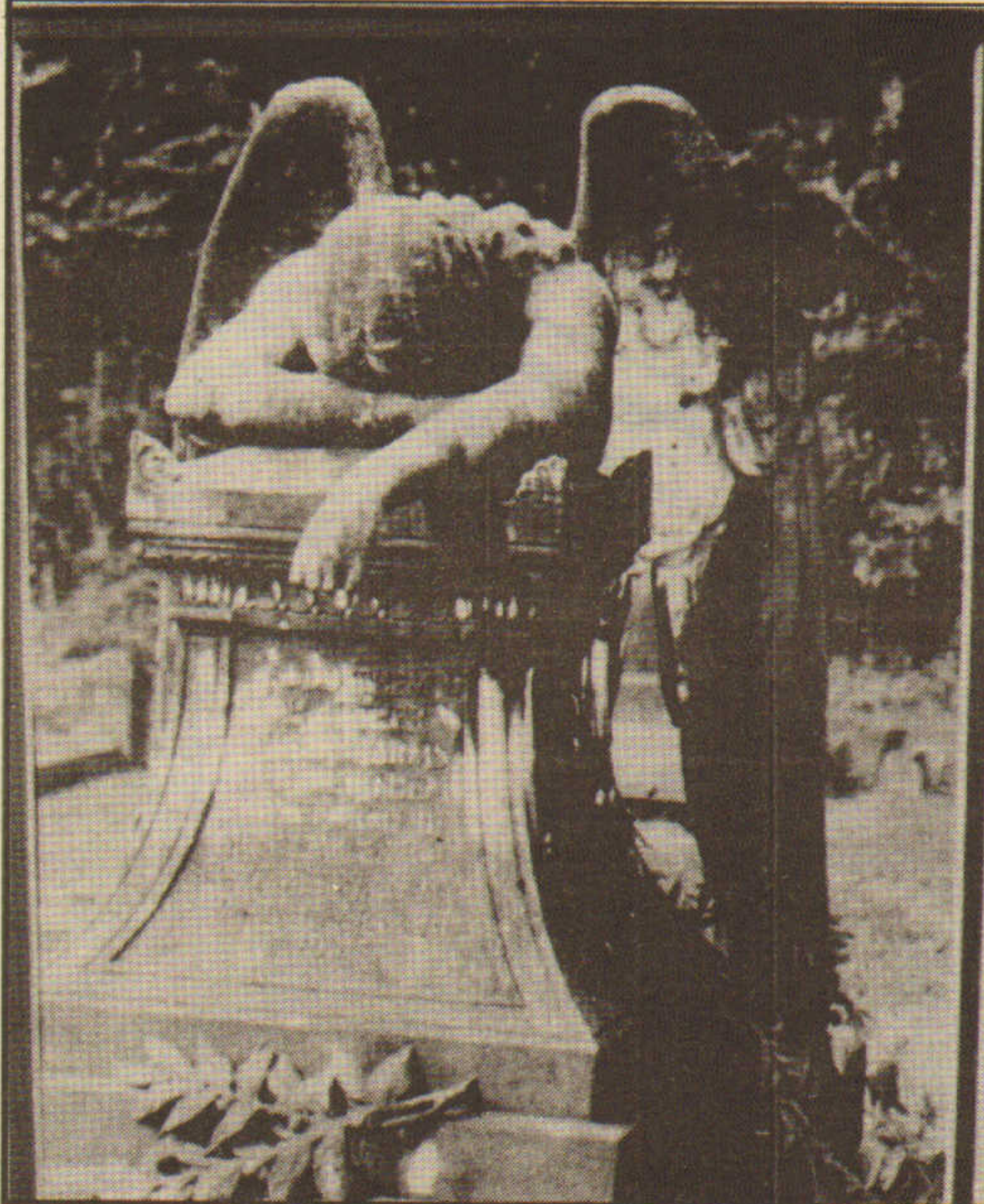
This summer Shelton State Community College will have a new telephone registration that will be the next step in upgrading the college's system to state-of-the-art.

Voice response automated telephone registration will begin at Shelton State on April 17 for summer registration and continue through May 25. During this time, students may register anytime between 6 a.m. and midnight by dialing (205) 391-2900.

"We're excited that this new system will offer students a greater opportunity to register without

having to wait in long lines," said Shelton Registrar Diane Layton. "In addition to registering over the telephone, with this new system students may also pay by credit card over the phone or receive semester grades. The only requirement is that students must be in our system. If students have never attended Shelton State, they must fill out an application form before registering over the new system."

According to Layton, directions for registering are included in the Summer Schedule of Classes. Students who need additional information may call the admissions office, 391-2214.



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Sports

—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

Softballers clawing and scrapping to stay at .500

By Chris Byington

Shelton State is clawing their way towards a .500 mark and have been holding their own as of late, including the March 2 game against Jefferson State.

Shelton's fast-pitch softball team split a doubleheader with Jeff Davis, winning the first 7-5.

Jamie Crane got the win with a six-strike-out performance. Cindy Martin went 2-3 at the plate with a single, a double and two RBI's. Casey Thorpe and Jamie Crane both went

1-3 at the plate.

The Lady Buccaneers then dropped the second game 14-4. The game was not as one-sided as the score would indicate with Shelton keeping it close until the latter part of the game with Jeff State getting eight of their 14 runs off of two grand slams.

Jamie Crane also started the second game but was relieved by Bethany McGlothlin in the third inning.

Coach Dixie Terry is pleased

with the effort of her team: "We played great against Jeff State. They came in here undefeated, and we split a doubleheader with them. Even though we lost the second game, we got our defense and batting together and kept hanging around until the end. We are improving each game."

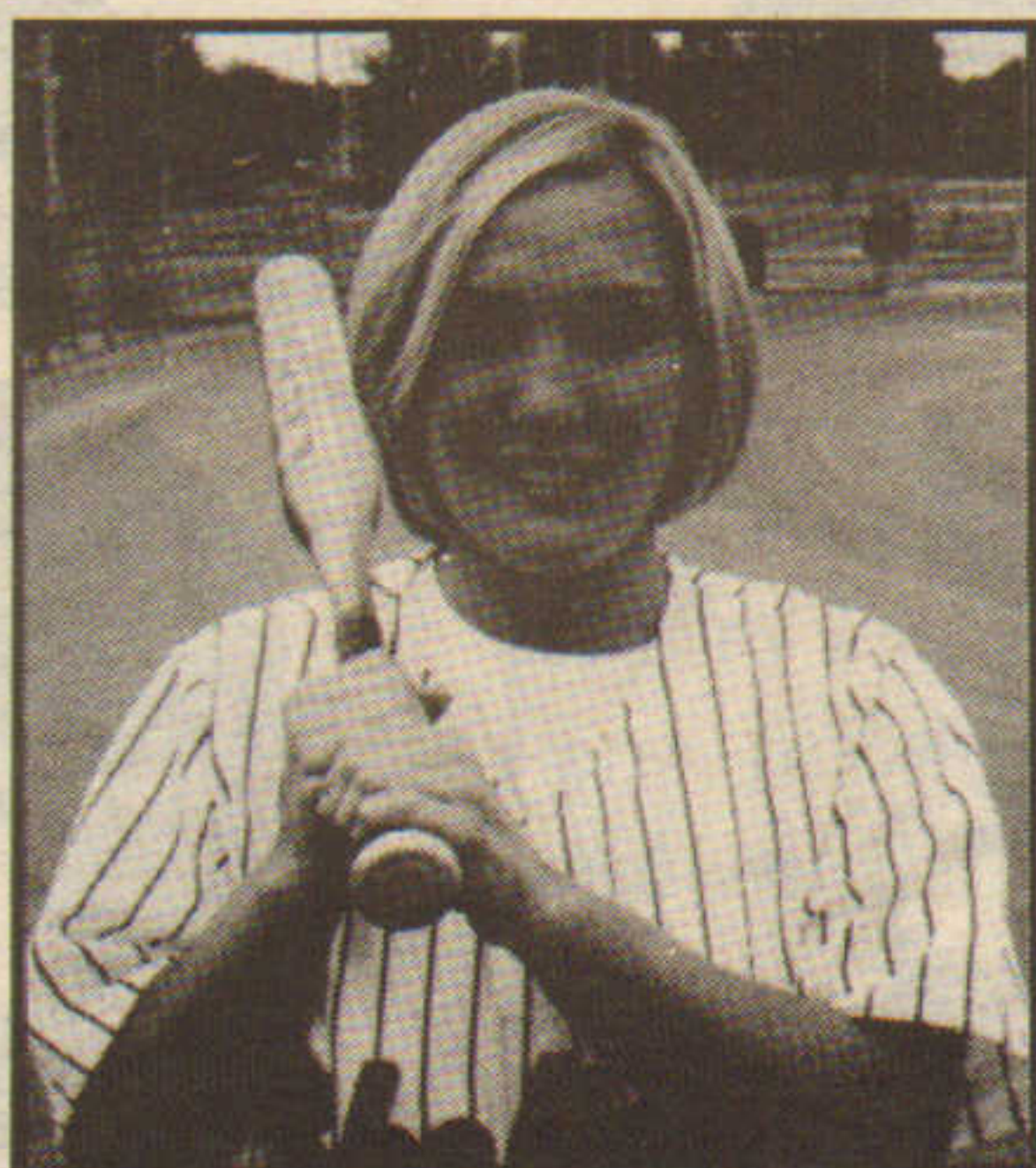
On March 14 the Buccaneers split a twinbill with Northwest Shoals Community College, winning the first game: 5-3.

Once again, Cindy Martin was a star hitter, going three-for-four and scoring a run.

Cherrylyn Herrington batted in two runs, as did Brooke Starnes. Jennifer McCarty pitched a complete game, seven innings, and took the win.

The team dropped the second game, 7-6. April Montgomery got three hits in the loss, and Martin collected another two.

Shelton now stands at 6-6.



April Montgomery had three hits in Shelton's last game

As we go to press, Lady Buccaneers battling

As you read this article, the Lady Bucs would have already done battle in one game of the National Junior College Basketball Tournament in Hagerstown, Md.

The Lady Bucs departed for the tournament March 14, scheduled to play their first game March 15 and the championship game will be March 17.

The trip promises to be quite memorable. The team has never been this far in the postseason. "Shelton has never been known for a strong women's basketball program," said Coach Madonna Thompson, "The man here before me, Tab Jefferson, really started things. He came in and recruited some good players and had a

winning record."

The team's record is 17-14, but Thompson has seen a lot of improvement the last few weeks.

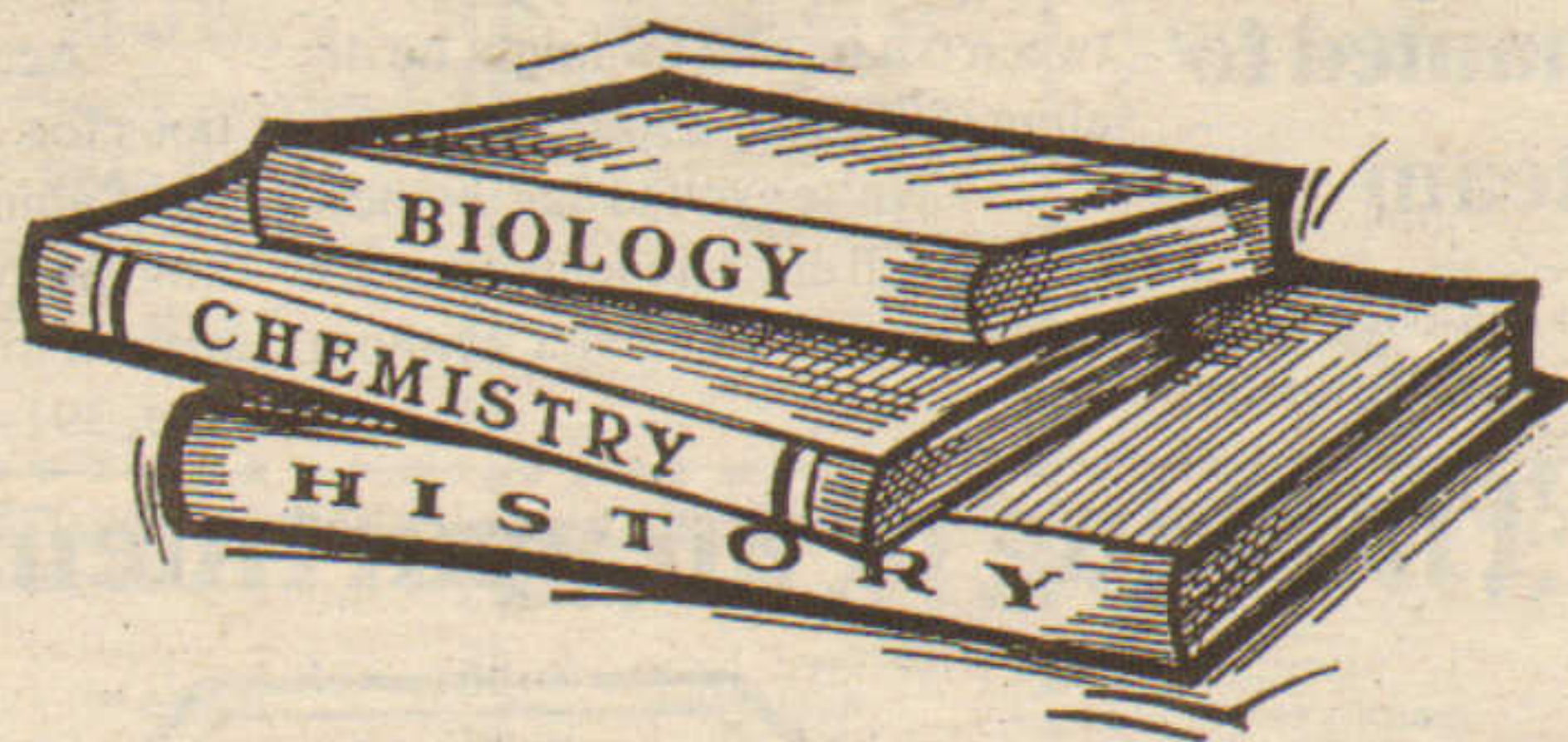
On Wednesday, March 14, Shelton faced Frederick Community College of Frederick, Md. Thompson doesn't know much about the team, other than they've been to quite a few trips to the national championship. "I am not worried about what

they (Frederick) are going to do," said Thompson. "I am worried about what Shelton is going to do. This is a tournament, and part of it is that you go out and face no matter who it is, and step it up and play your hardest."

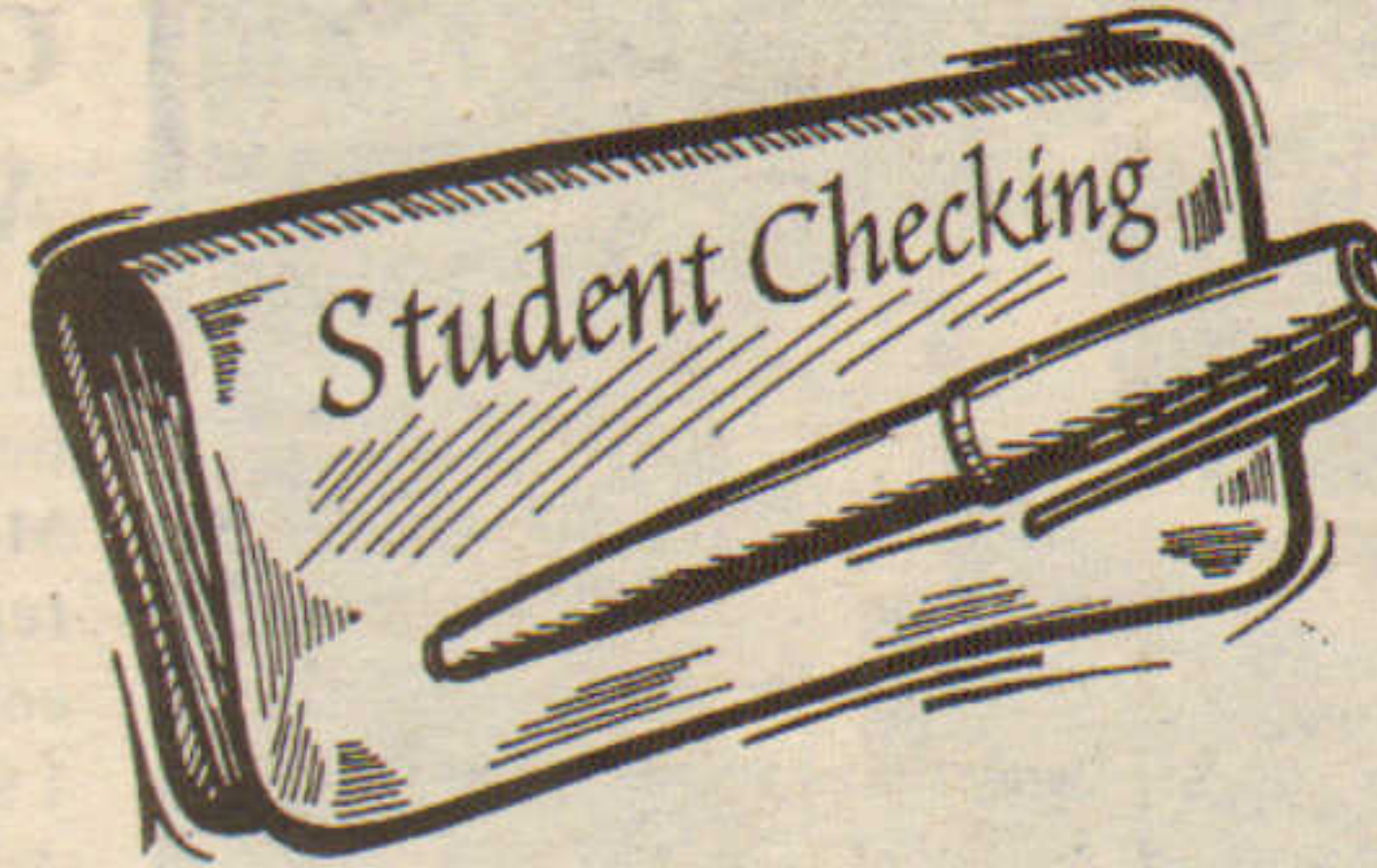


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reveal an unimaginable view. Sheer cliff walls horseshoe around the tree. Waterfalls stretching 70 feet high draped each side of the ancient Poplar like a tucked-in blanket.

We followed the trail down to the base of the tree. The closer we got, the more surreal it became.

We took a few minutes to revel in the enormity of the canyon and the tree. The canyon stretched several hundred feet across, and the waterfall was at least 10 feet wide. Looking up toward the cliffs, we felt small in comparison.

Nighttime was almost upon us and inspired us to pick up our pace. An hour into our trip back, I slipped on the slick, moss-covered surface of a rock and pulled a calf muscle.

A makeshift brace got us on our way again, but the rest of the trip went by slowly because I needed to stop and rest often. With more than an hour until we reached our campsite, daylight, water and our energy were almost gone.

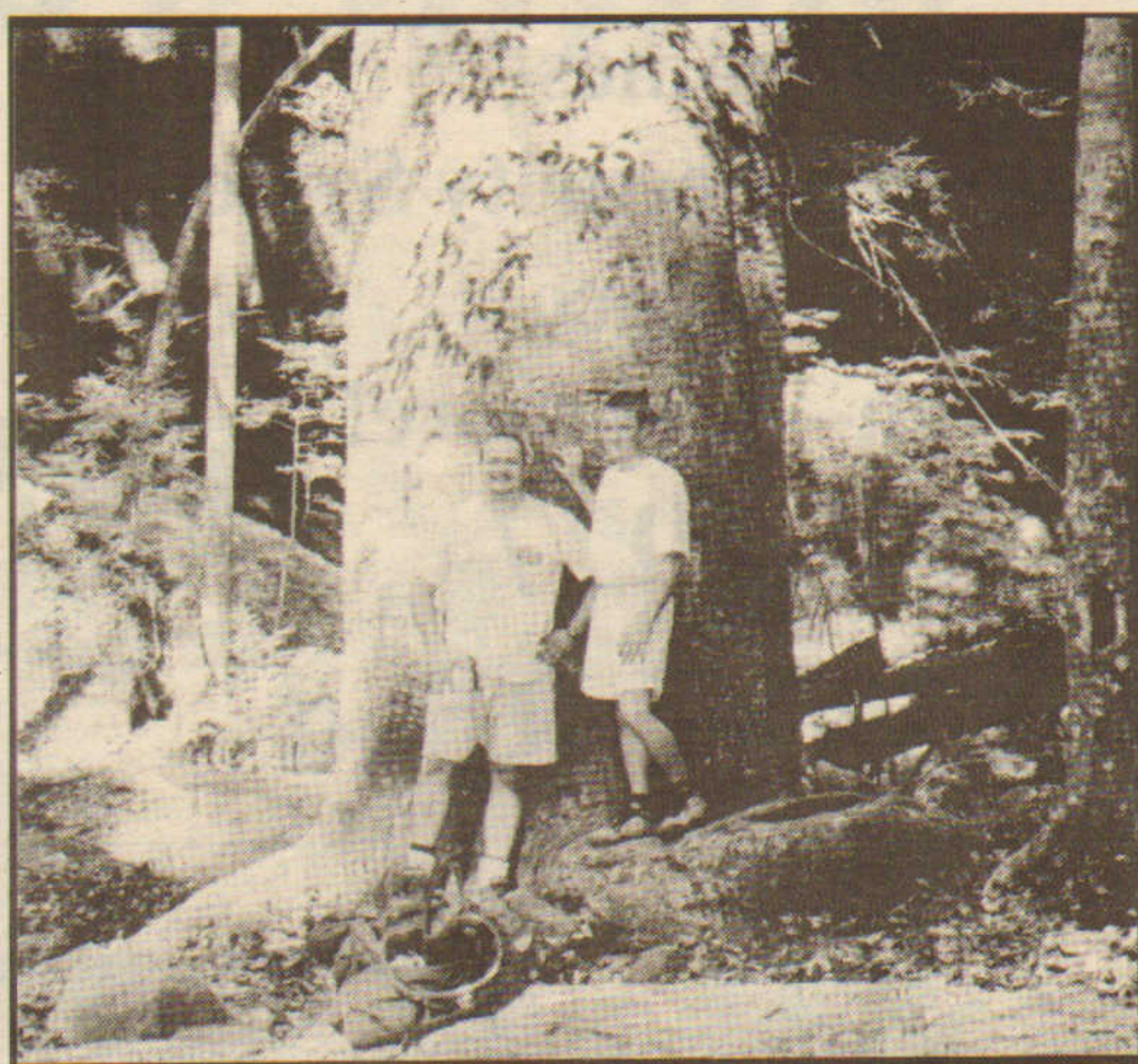
We decided Bobby would double-time it back to our car for supper, while I slowly made it back to the campsite. I used the time alone in the woods to relax my nerves.

The site of the big tree was still fresh in my mind when I arrived at the campsite. It was dark, but a full moon guided me down the trail. Shortly thereafter, Bobby returned with a flashlight and our supper. I can't recall ever having had a better meal, although I scarcely remember what we ate.

A good night's sleep and some pain pills from the emergency pack

put me in good spirits for the next day. My leg, still sore, held up for a short while as we explored some of the shorter trails we had noticed the previous day.

Each new bend sparked a hunger to return again to the forest, and we spent the entire day recounting our trip and our thoughts of the tree as we sat by the ever-roaring, ever-silent Sipsey.



James Crawford (L) and Bobby Boler finally made it into the heart of Bankhead National Forest and to the oldest and biggest poplar tree in Alabama
Photo by Bobby Boler

Golfers slip to fourth in Bevill tournament

After coming back to their national championship form in the first round of the Bevill State Collegiate Classic March 12, the Shelton golfers slipped down to fourth in the final round the next day.

The Buccaneers opened the tourney with a fine 292 score. Nick Bamber led the way at the well-groomed Musgrove Country Club in Jasper with a 70. Drew Jones and Adam Harris also notched excellent 73s.

Colorful, fiery golf coach Matt Terry said after round one, "You can just say we played great." But after the final round, Terry was less jovial. "Let's just say, it's a good thing it's still March! We just couldn't follow up on that first good round."

One bright spot in the spring season is the play of British Buccaneer Nick Bamber. His 143 total was good for second place honors and a spot on the all-tournament team.

The tournament was won by Central of Alabama. Wallace of Hanceville and Wallace of Dothan came in second and third.

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What's happenin' with the clubs at Shelton State?

Baptist Campus Ministries



If you are interested in Bible studies and a chance to fellowship with students who share your same interests, Baptist Campus Ministries is the place for you.

A mystery missions trip is scheduled over Spring Break. The cost is \$20 and you will find out where you are going when you get there. BCM of the University of Alabama and the University of North Alabama are also participating. BCM will also be helping with Habitat for Humanity. If there is an interest in this, come to a meeting and learn more about it.

Meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. in front of the meeting rooms in the food court area. If anyone has any interest in BCM, contact Jennifer Young, the student minister.

Any other club wishing its news in the paper should contact the Courier at 391-2406.



Circle K is alive and busting with activity this semester. Some members have been helping with Miracle Riders, a therapeutic program to help handicapped or mentally challenged people.

March 18 is the Pancake Day sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. It will be held at Central East from 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.

On various nights during the week, you will find at least one Circle K member helping serve dinner at the Salvation Army.

Meetings are Wednesdays at 12:15 in room 1413. Please come... we would love to have you. Circle K will also have a web site up and running very soon.



Phi Theta Kappa is an honorary society for two-year colleges. The qualifications needed include a GPA of 3.5 or better in a total of at least 12 semester hours.

March 16 will be spring initiation. The ceremony will be held in the Recital Hall at 2 p.m.

Two members and an advisor recently participated in the Phi Theta Kappa Regional Convention, held in Opelika.

In April, Phi Theta Kappa's International Convention will be held in Orlando.

If anyone is interested in becoming a part of Phi Theta Kappa, please see either Brenda Ryan, Linda Grote or Tracy Branch.

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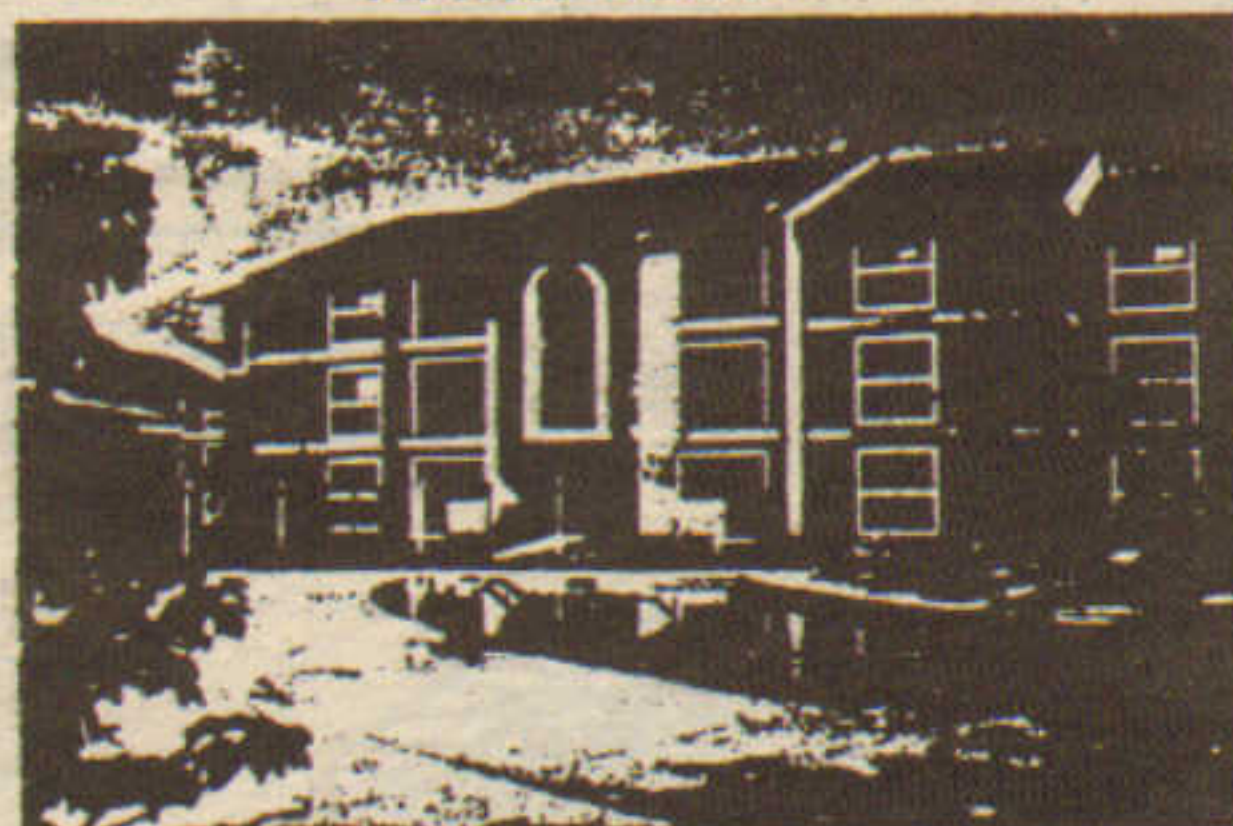
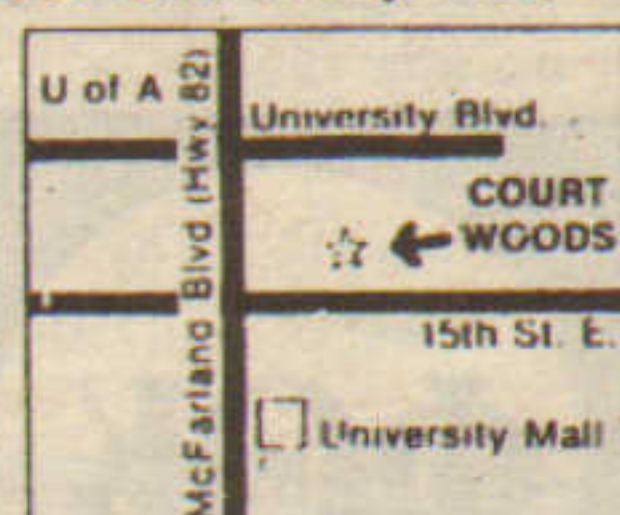


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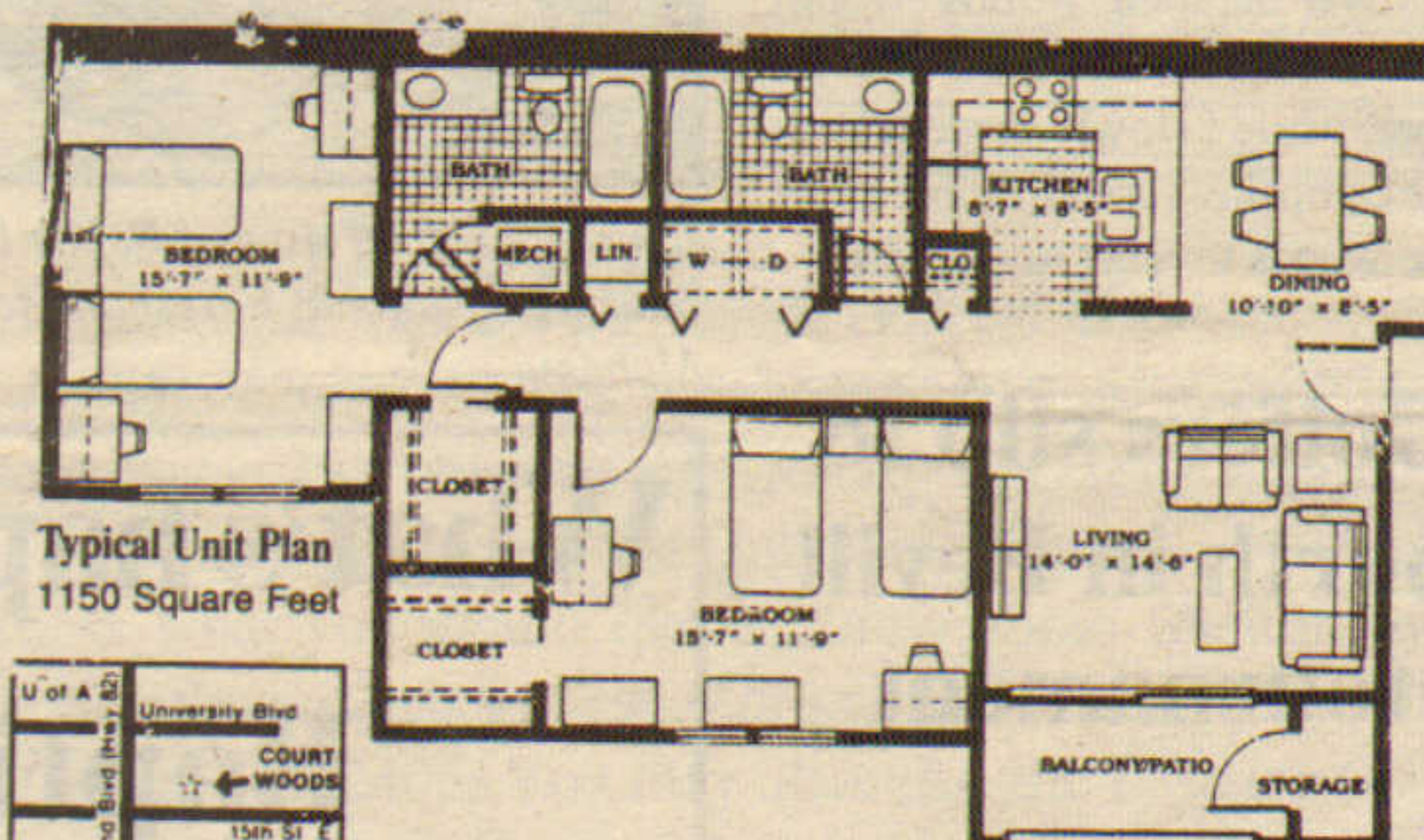
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